

## SALT LAKE SAID TO BE IN OPIUM RING

Customs Agents Arrest Mem-  
bers of Gang in Portland,  
One a Woman.

### TRAP SET FOR OTHERS

Charlie Looney, Chinese Mer-  
chant of Seattle, Accused  
of Being Ringleader.

PORTLAND, Ore., March 7.—So carefully planned that one smuggler knew scarcely any of the others involved, the biggest opium ring discovered on the Pacific coast in recent years is being broken up by customs agents.

Cities in which agents of the ring were active were said today by federal officials to be San Francisco, Seattle, Portland, Tacoma, Spokane, Butte, Salt Lake City, Chicago and New York on this side of the border and Victoria and Vancouver in British Columbia, and a supply station at Honolulu.

Samuel Hausman of Seattle, who was ostensibly engaged in the real estate business, had offices in a reputable downtown building, was arrested in Honolulu on February 7 with a large quantity of opium in his possession.

Three arrests followed in Portland last night and customs agents said today they have a confession—without the present until other arrests have been made—which explains in full the workings of the ring.

### Those Under Arrest.

Those arrested were:  
John H. Rogers, alias J. Ralston, as he is known in Seattle; Charlie Looney, a prominent Chinese merchant of Seattle; and a young married woman who gave her name as Marion Bergman, which the Seattle customs agents say is an alias.

As a sequel of the arrests a search was made in Seattle today of Looney's office, Ralston's room and the apartments occupied by the Bergman woman and her husband, who was ignorant of her activities. Correspondence and appliances for handling opium were found.

Looney, the Chinaman, is accused by the authorities of being the directing agent for the Pacific northwest. Ralston said when arrested: "I'm only a pack horse," and the customs officers declare he told the truth.

No figures of the business done have been given out, but the amount of opium seized when Ralston was arrested on one of his regular trips is worth \$7500, and the trade is being described as "enormous."

Hausman made frequent trips to Honolulu.

### Evidence Is Found.

SEATTLE, Wash., March 7.—Customs officers today found in the home of Charlie Looney, a Seattle Chinese merchant under arrest in Portland, charged with opium smuggling, correspondence which they believe will enable them to arrest members of the wide-spread opium ring in San Francisco, Portland and Vancouver, R. C.

With Looney when he was arrested in Portland last Wednesday was J. A. Ralston, a septuagenarian who had lately visited Looney frequently and had traveled between Seattle and Portland, and a 30-year-old married woman of Seattle who gave the false name of Marion Bergman. Customs officers say that there will be no more arrests in Seattle, and that Ralston and Mrs. "Bergman" were only carriers of opium between Seattle and Portland. They are valuable witnesses against Looney, who is said to be the Seattle manager of the syndicate.

The strength of the syndicate, which is believed to have handled most of the great quantities of opium imported into the United States, lay in its fine organization, with the managing office in Hong Kong, and each branch in charge of a single man. Thus in Seattle, detectives say, only Looney was in direct touch with the business, and he dealt only with Vancouver on the north and Portland on the south.

### One Man Arrested Here.

United States Marshal James H. Anderson last night said he knew of no complaints about such an organization of smugglers or its agents in Salt Lake City, but that an Ogden man was under suspicion. Several months ago a man charged in Seattle with smuggling opium was arrested here and sent to that city. He had brought about 100 boxes of opium to Salt Lake City.

### A Message to Railroad Men.

E. S. Bacon, 11 East St., Bath, Me., sends out this warning to railroaders everywhere. "My work as conductor caused a chronic inflammation of the kidneys and I was miserable and all played out. From the day I began taking Foley's Kidney Pills I began to regain my strength, and I am better now than I have been for twenty years." Try them. Schramm-Johnson, Drugs, "The Never-Substitutors," five (5) good stores. (Advertisement.)

## EMPLOYERS DO NOT AGREE WITH WOMEN

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ly of married women, who wish to earn a bit of pin money, and of students who do not depend on us for a living," explained Simpson.

Simpson was asked to state the profits of the field business, but he declined to answer.

The same question was put to other employers. Its purpose was to learn if the salaries of girls earning \$4 and \$5 could not be doubled without materially affecting profits.

Simpson detailed the welfare work of his firm, speaking of the rest rooms, vacations, a compulsory school maintained in the store where those who have had no advantages in childhood are forced to acquire the rudiments of an education; of salaries paid during sickness, and the like.

The last witnesses of the day, the women of the tenderloin, talked in whispers. All said that they had been unable to make a living at reputable callings.

"A. R." was a woman of 38. She worked in a laundry at \$4.50 a week after her husband died and left her with two children.

"You couldn't support a family on that, could you?" inquired O'Hara.

"No, I found out that I couldn't even support myself on it, so I went wrong."

"How old were you then?"

"Twenty-eight."

"Where are the children now?" she was asked.

"Well, you may be sure they are not in Chicago."

"E. P. B." worked in a St. Louis

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## MAKE NEW ESTIMATE ON CAPITOL COST

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ported to show that the estimate of the state capitol would not exceed \$1,500,000, although there was something like \$2,000,000 already available for the construction of the building. By a statute enacted in 1909 the new state capitol is to cost not to exceed \$2,500,000.

Mr. Mattson suggested an amendment to the law in order to limit the cost of the completed building to \$1,500,000, in order that \$500,000 might be turned back to the general fund available for appropriations. The call on the legislature this session for appropriations is far in excess of the estimated revenues of the state and Mr. Mattson pointed out that by returning \$500,000 from the capitol fund to the general fund the financial stringency of the state might be greatly relieved.

### Members Incensed.

The communication greatly incensed the other members of the capitol commission and they arranged a meeting with the appropriations committees of the two houses with Mr. Mattson present. The meeting was held in the office of Governor Spry at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon and continued for two hours. Those at the meeting were the members of the committee from both houses, Governor Spry, Secretary of State Mattson, Attorney General Barnes, John Dern and Richard Kletting, architect of the state capitol.

After the members of the capitol commission who disagreed with the secretary of state had spoken and estimates of the cost of the building had been made, Mr. Mattson spoke briefly. He said that in his estimate of the cost of the building he had omitted including the architect's fee and the cost of the elevators. The grading and terracing and other items he had not considered a portion of the cost of the actual construction of the building as contemplated by the act which limited the cost of the building.

### Approximate Estimates.

John Dern submitted to the committee the following approximate estimate of the total cost of the completed building:

James Stewart & Co., architect	\$1,404,910
Heating, plumbing and electric wiring	66,000
Total	\$1,470,910
P. J. Moran, excavation	15,000
Elevators	10,000
Hardware	25,000
Electric fixtures	25,000
Sewerage and water mains	5,000
Testing materials	3,500
Office of superintendent and telephone	1,500
Terraces	125,000
Total	\$225,000

Sculpture in and on pediments	\$50,000
Most necessary sculpture in rotunda	15,000
Most necessary excavation and grading	100,000
Minimum needed for decoration in court, state room, senate and house of representatives	50,000
Electrical mains	5,000
Vacuum cleaners	5,000
Pipe covering and minor additions to heating plant	5,000
Telephone service and clocks	7,500
Total	\$237,000
Sub-total	\$1,933,410
Other incidentals, 5 per cent.	\$96,600
Total	\$2,030,010
Architect's fees, 5 per cent.	\$101,470
Grand total	\$2,131,480

The items enumerated above do not include the salary of inspector and secretary, office rent, prizes for architects, trips east, office expenses, advertisements and fees to landscape architect. With these items and other contingent expenses added, it is pointed out, the cost of the building will be considerably increased.

### \$1.25—ROUND TRIP—\$1.25.

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shoe factory from the age of 14 years to 18, and never got more than \$3 a week. There she answered the call of the underworld and had been there for five years. Like the others, she placed her earnings at about \$25 a week.

### Contributions Too Small.

"R. M." worked for \$3 a week, but her parents seemed dissatisfied with her contributions to the general fund and she found another way.

"R. E." wore a wedding ring, the only piece of jewelry about her.

"Married?" asked O'Hara.

"The girl looked at the ring, hesitated and then answered:

"No; it belonged to my mother. It's the only thing of hers I have."

Those close enough to hear the testimony were reminded of Mandel's testimony about girls going into domestic service when "J. H." took the stand.

"Why did you go wrong?" asked Senator Juhl. "Too little money?"

"Well, yes; that was it."

"What did you work at before that?"

"Domestic servant."

"But where you paid?"

"Twenty-five cents."

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## WILSON GIVES SOME INKLING OF PLANS

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such a provision being inserted in the new bill.

Senators found that Mr. Wilson was observing the courtesies usually extended them. He called in several senators and asked if they would object to several appointments he expected to make. It is pointed out on authority that President Wilson does not intend to turn over to his department chiefs the appointment of federal office holders, particularly to important posts. His order of Wednesday was made for the purpose of allowing department heads to sift out the applica-

tions and present him with one or more suitable candidates. Appointments in practically every case eventually will reach the White house even if the appointees themselves are barred in the preliminary stages.

Charles F. Murphy of New York, leader of Tammany hall, met the president today for the first time in many months. The visit was arranged through one of the White house secretaries, who said Mr. Murphy wished to pay his respects to the new president.

Mrs. Murphy and their daughter, Congresswoman Fitzgerald and Riordan, Philip J. Fehaue, treasurer of Tammany, John M. McGoey and Mrs. McGoey and Michael J. Hayes and other well-known Tammany men accompanied Mr. Murphy. The party was taken from the line of several hundred handshakers in the east room and ushered into the green room. Mr. and Mrs. McGoey were the first of the party to shake the president's hand, and the Murphys followed.

"Thank you," the president is reported as saying. "I'm glad to welcome you here."

The Murphy party left the White house after a brief inspection of the executive offices. Secretary Tumulty acted as guide. In the cabinet room Mr. Murphy asked to be shown the chair occupied by Secretary of State Bryan, which is at the right hand of the president.

"It's pretty close," he said with a smile.

Gossip among White house callers today centered largely on the more important diplomatic positions which the president is expected to fill within a short time. It is known that the ambassadorship to Great Britain is one of the first the president and Mr. Bryan will take up, and since Mr. Bryan plans to visit Lincoln for a few days about the middle of this month, the nomination is expected daily. There were only a few names suggested for foreign posts.

Joseph E. Davies of Wisconsin, who was in charge of the western headquarters of the Democratic national committee, was said to have been offered the embassy at Rome, and it was said that he had refused. William C. Eustis of Washington was referred to as a possible selection for the German ambassadorship. Mr. Eustis was in charge of the inauguration ceremonies.

Colonel Thomas Birch, formerly aide of Mr. Wilson as governor of New Jersey, was said to be in line for the post of minister to Belgium.

T. W. Gregory of Austin, Tex., likewise was reported to be slated for the ambassadorship to Mexico. Representative A. Mitchell Palmer of Pennsylvania is urging George W. Guthrie, Democratic state chairman of Pennsylvania, for an important diplomatic post. Announcement of three important appointments was made today. Charles P. Neill, who was commissioner of labor under Presidents Roosevelt and Taft, was nominated as commissioner of the bureau of labor statistics which will take the place of the old labor bureau

in compliance with the act creating new department of labor. Mr. Neill was nominated as commissioner of the President Taft several months but he failed of confirmation and the law has been out of office since February 1.

Daniel G. Roper of South Carolina was nominated to be first assistant master general. Mr. Roper has clerk to the house ways and means committee and is known as an expert on the tariff.

James I. Blakeslee, secretary of Pennsylvania state Democratic committee, will be made third assistant master general.

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